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UNCLAS

JOHN ELLSWORTH, AKA DBA THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS APPEAL,
INC., (ICAL), NEW YORK, NEW YORK; RICO (B) - NARCOTICS; OO: NY.

AT ATLANTA FBI OFFICE MAY 4, 1979 AND STATED AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] STATED IDC DEVELOPS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR
SCHOOL DROP OUTS AND IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ROSALYN
CARTER IN HIS ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED] STATED SUBJECT COMPANY IS
PRIVATELY FUNDED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WHICH IN THE PAST YEAR
HAS DONATED APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 TO IDC. IN ADDITION, SUBJECT

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HAS ARRANGED AT LEAST 1 CONCERT AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR CHILDREN AS A BENEFIT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

[REDACTED] STATED ONE [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE FROM [REDACTED], WHERE HE WAS A [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT ON [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM AND STATED THAT ICAI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS GOING TO THE PRESS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT AS HE FELT THAT THIS WOULD BEAN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE CARTERS, HE CONVINCED [REDACTED] TO MEET HIM IN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MET [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AGREED TO HALT HIS ALLEGED EXPOSE IF [REDACTED] COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE THE FBI INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER.

[REDACTED] STATED HE CONTACTED [REDACTED] AND WAS ULTIMATELY REFERRED TO FBI ATLANTA BY USDJ ATTORNEY [REDACTED] (PHONETIC). [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED [REDACTED] IS BEING INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY WFO BUAGENT [REDACTED] (PHONECIT).

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[] FURTHER STATED THAT [] TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN
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[] ALSO CLAIMED ONE [] (PHONETIC)

[] FIGURE WAS POSSIBLY A CO-CONSPIRACOR OF ELLSWORTH'S.

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[] STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO CONTACT []
WHO RETURNED TO [] BUT STATED THE TELEPHONE
NUMBERS FOR [] ACCORDING
TO []

[] STATED HE KNEW
NOTHING OF [] BACKGROUND AND COULD NOT COMMENT ON HIS
CREDIBILITY. [] MADE AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF ELLSWORTH
AND [] WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED TO NY BY AIRTEL.

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WASHINGTON FIELD - SA [REDACTED] REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
BUREAU AND NEW YORK WITH RESULTS OF [REDACTED] INTERVIEW.

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PITTSBURGH - SEARCH INDICES RE [REDACTED] AND PROVIDE
RESULTS TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

NEW YORK - LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE HIS ALLEGATIONS
TO DETERMINE IF VIOLATION EXISTS.

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[redacted] advised our Atlanta office as follows: IDC develops educational programs for school dropouts and is strongly supported by Rosalynn Carter. International Children's Appeal, Inc. (ICAI) is a privately funded charitable organization which donated \$60,000 to IDC during the past year. [redacted] stated one [redacted]

[redacted] fearing embarrassment for the Carters, arranged a meeting with [redacted] in [redacted] Present at the meeting on [redacted] were [redacted]

[redacted] agreed not to go to the press if [redacted] could arrange to have the FBI investigate this matter.

[redacted] advised he contacted [redacted] [redacted] and was ultimately referred to FBI, Atlanta, by a U. S. Department of Justice attorney. [redacted] advised [redacted] to be interviewed by Washington Field and [redacted] presently talking to New York office Agent. [redacted] advised [redacted] and said he was unable to comment regarding [redacted] credibility.

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- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Mullen

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

NEW YORK PRIORITY (NY VIA FBIHQ)

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UNCLAS

JOHN ELLSWORTH, AKA., DBA THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS

APPEAL, INC. (ICAI), NEW YORK, NEW YORK. RICO (B)- NARCOTICS.

OO: NEW YORK.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY 7,
1979.

DISCREET INQUIRY AT 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM
2105, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MET WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS IN LOCATING [REDACTED] OR ANYONE WHO
HAD EVER HEARD OF HIM. THIS IS THE ADDRESS OFF
THE LOS ANGELES CITY HALL AND ROOMS 2100 THROUGH
2105 IS THE LOCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

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INQUIRY AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ALSO FAILED TO
LOCATE [REDACTED] OR ANYONE AWARE OF HIS PRESENCE IN LOS
ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI PRIORITY

FBI LOS ANGELES PRIORITY (LA VIA FBIHQ)

FBI NEW YORK PRIORITY (NY VIA FBIHQ)

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JOHN ELLSWORTH, AKA DBA THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS APPEAL,

INC., (ICAI), NEW YORK, NEW YORK; RICO (B) - NARCOTICS;

(OO:NEW YORK)

RE WFO TEL CALL TO NY (SA [REDACTED] DEA SQUAD) MAY 7,
1979, AND AT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MAY 4, 1979.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPEARED AT ATLANTA FBI OFFICE MAY 4,

1979, AND STATED AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] STATED IDC DEVELOPS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR

SCHOOL DROP OUTS AND IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ROSALYN CARTER

IN HIS ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED]

STATED SUBJECT COMPANY IS

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[REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED]
AND WAS ULTIMATELY REFERRED TO FBI ATLANTA BY U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE (USDJ) ATTORNEY [REDACTED] (PHONETIC).

[REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN TALKING
TO NY BUAGENT (FNU) [REDACTED]

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] DETAILED [REDACTED]

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FIGURE WAS POSSIBLY A CO-CONSPIRATOR OF ELLSWORTH'S.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID THAT CITIES
IN SERVICE (CIS) HAD HAD AN ASSOCIATION WITH JOHN ELLSWORTH

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SINCE DECEMBER, 1977. INITIAL INVOLVEMENT WITH HIM WAS AS THE PRESIDENT OF CHARTMAKER PRODUCTS OF NEW YORK CITY, AND MOST RECENT CONTACTS HAVE BEEN AS THE PRESIDENT OF ICAI. ICAI RECENTLY MOVED FROM 16 WEST 56TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO 747 3RD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

ALL IDC CONTACTS WITH ICAI TO DATE HAVE BEEN PROMOTIONAL. THAT IS, ICAI HAS ORGANIZED BENEFIT CONCERTS AND OTHER EVENTS TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CIS AND OTHER CHARITIES. THOUGH SOMEWHAT PERPLEXED BY ICAI SLOPPY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, [] SAID THAT ALL [] HAVE BEEN ABOVE BOARD AND HAVE AROUSED NO SUSPICION.

[] CONFIRMED ESSENTIAL FACTS SET OUT BY [] IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. IN ADDITION, [] FURTHER IDENTIFIED

[] AND HE CHARACTERIZED [] AS A PARANOID WHO HAD NO IDEA OF WHOM HE COULD TRUST. FURTHER, [] SAID THAT [] CLAIMED HE WAS

[] FIRST CONTACT WITH [] WAS IN NEW YORK ON

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[REDACTED] ON THAT SAME DAY, [REDACTED] HAD AN ENCOUNTER WITH

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[REDACTED] WAS ANGRY AND CLAIMED ELLSWORTH

OWED HIM [REDACTED] (LNU)

FIRST ACCUSED [REDACTED] OF BEING A "BLACK MAFIA CHIEFTAIN," BUT

AFTER [REDACTED] GAINED HIS CONFIDENCE, [REDACTED] (LNU) DESCRIBED

ELLSWORTH AS THE BIGGEST DRUG DEALER IN THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED]

(LNU) CLAIMED NO DESIRE TO HURT ELLSWORTH AND SAID THAT HE ONLY WANTED HIS MONEY.

PURSUANT TO PRIOR AGREEMENT, DURING HIS INTERVIEW,

[REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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HOWEVER, HE WAS INFORMED THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN THERE THROUGH

THE WEEK.

THOUGH [REDACTED] HAD NO ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] HE HAD THREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR HIM. [REDACTED] HOME TELEPHONE WAS [REDACTED] AND HIS ANSWERING SERVICE WAS [REDACTED] BECAUSE HE FEARED REPRISAL, [REDACTED] INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AT HOME,

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AND HE GAVE [] A CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER OF []
[] THOUGHT THE LATTER MUNBER WAS THAT OF [] GIRLFRIEND,
[] (LNU).

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IF [] SAID HE COULD
PROBABLY BE REACHED AT: []

[] TELEPHONES [] AND

[] IS A CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FORMED
BY FORMER PRO FOOTBALL PLAYER, []

[] DESCRIBED [] AS BEING 5'11", 195 POUNDS, [] YEARS
OLD, [] WITHOUT GLASSES AND HAVING NO SIGNIFICANT SCARS,
MARKS OR TATTOO'S. [] ALSO PROVIDED A PHOTOGRAPH OF []
WHICH SHOWED HIM TO BE LIGHT COMPLEXIONED, TO HAVE DARK, FULL,
MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR, AND TO BE A STYLISH DRESSER.

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK, WASHINGTON
FIELD HAS NO SA [] ASSIGNED TO IT. THE [] MENTIONED
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS BELIEVED TO BE [] AN EMPLOYEE
OF []

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FM FBI WASHINGTON FIELD (183-486) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI PRIORITY

FBI LOS ANGELES PRIORITY (LA VIA FBIHQ)

FBI NEW YORK PRIORITY (NY VIA FBIHQ)

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UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2

JOHN ELLSWORTH, AKA DBA THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS APPEAL,
INC., (ICAI), NEW YORK, NEW YORK; RICO (B) - NARCOTICS;
(OO:NEW YORK)

LEADS. LOS ANGELES. AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS
ALLEGATIONS. IF SUCCESSFUL, ADVISE [REDACTED] TO EXPECT FOLLOW-
UP INTERVIEW BY NEW YORK AGENTS ON HIS RETURN.

NEW YORK. AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
[REDACTED] (LNU) REGARDING THEIR ALLEGATIONS.

WASHINGTON FIELD. AT WASHINGTON, D. C. FORWARD FD-302'S
REGARDING [REDACTED] INTERVIEW TO NEW YORK.

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JOHN ELLSWORTH, AKA, DBA THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS APPEAL,
INC. (ICAI), NEW YORK, NY; RICO (B) - NARCOTICS; OO: NEW YORK.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY 4, 1979.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (183-486) (P) (Squad C-3)

JOHN ELLSWORTH, aka
 dba The International
 Children's Appeal, Inc.
 (ICAI), New York, New York;
 RICO (B) - Narcotics;
 (OO:NY)

Re WFO teletype to Director dated 5/7/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one (1) copy of the FD-302
 pertaining to the interview of [redacted] 5/7/79.

Enclosed for New York are the original and two (2)
 copies of the aforesaid FD-302 and the notes pertaining
 thereto.

Also enclosed for New York are the following items:

1. One (1) pink paper slip listing three telephone
 numbers for [redacted] and [redacted]

2. One (1) pink paper slip listing the address for [redacted]

[redacted] telephones [redacted]

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 2- New York (Enc. 16)
 1- WFO

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3. One (1) yellow Cities in Schools pamphlet published by the Institutional Development Corporation, 465 Boulevard, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 404-622-1002.

4. One (1) white Cities in Schools pamphlet published by Cities in Schools, Room 300, 1728 L Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), telephone 202-466-5589.

5. One (1) "International Children's Appeal-1979" pamphlet published by the International Children's Appeal, Inc., 16 West 56th Street, New York, New York, telephone 212-489-0086.

6. One (1) yellow note sheet listing the payments received by CIS, WDC, from Chartmaker Products, Limited. [redacted] believed the [redacted] check dated [redacted] was issued to cover [redacted] checks dated [redacted] respectively, which were returned to Chartmaker Products.)

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7. One (1) memo to [redacted] from JOHN ELLSWORTH, International Children's Appeal, New York, New York, concerning "Subject: Status Report," dated 11/20/78.

8. One (1) xerox copy of an article entitled "Trade is Topic at Czech Party; First Lady Visits School," appearing in The Washington Star on Sunday, 4/15/79.

9. One (1) xerox copy of an article entitled "Rosalynn Carter's Favorite Program," appearing in The Washington Post on Sunday, 7/10/77.

10. One (1) 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph depicting ROSAYLNN CARTER, JOHN ELLSWORTH and [redacted]

11. One (1) 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph depicting [redacted] JACKIE ROBINSON and ROSALYNN CARTER.

12. One (1) yellow card from Limousines by [redacted]
[redacted] telephone
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[] was also interviewed on 5/17/79 and 5/18/79. FD-302s pertaining to those interviews will be forwarded when available.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.: Forward FD-302s concerning subsequent [] interviews as appropriate.

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed.
Present and contributing to [redacted] interview was [redacted]
[redacted]

provided the following information:

[redacted] explained that Cities in Schools (CIS) was organized by the Institutional Development Corporation (IDC) of Atlanta, Georgia. He described CIS as a multiple-funded, private, non-profit, charitable organization which received both federal and private monies. The federal monies were provided by the Community Services Administration and were used to pay the CIS staff personnel. The private funds were used to pay IDC employees, e.g., IDC [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] described CIS as a social service delivery program, and its goal was to bring social services directly to the people. He said that CIS accomplished its goal by coordinating the extant social service assets of a community and by pooling those assets in central facilities.

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[redacted]
In addition, [redacted] was responsible for [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] reiterated that IDC was organized in Atlanta, Georgia, and he said that the program first attracted the attention of President Carter when he was still the governor of Georgia in the early 1970's.

[redacted] first heard of John Ellsworth in December, 1977, after Ellsworth had organized a Christmas show at the White House. At that time, Ellsworth [redacted]

Investigation on 5/7/79 at [redacted] File # WFO 183-486D

by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 5/9/79

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ENCLOSURE

[redacted] When [redacted] met Ellsworth, Ellsworth introduced himself as the president of Chartmaker Products, 16 west 56th Street, New York, New York, which [redacted] described as a talent management firm which organized events like Woodstock. At their meeting, Ellsworth expressed his interest in capitalizing on the services of entertainers in support of charitable programs.

After meeting [redacted], Ellsworth sent a letter to [redacted]

[redacted] Ellsworth expressed a desire to raise money for CIS in Washington, D.C., by holding a charity concert. Ellsworth mentioned that he could get groups such as Isaac Hayes and the Rolling Stones for the concert, and [redacted] presumed that Ellsworth took a percentage of the total contributions received.

The concert which Ellsworth had suggested was held on April 4, 1978, at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The groups which appeared were Isaac Hayes, Gloria Gaynor, the Trammps and the Fatback Band. [redacted] and President Carter's son, Chip, were guests at the concert.

Prior to the concert, Ellsworth had promised CIS forty thousand dollars, and on the evening of the concert, Ellsworth issued CIS a \$7,500 check and promised the remainder upon the completion of the concert accounting. Later, Ellsworth informed Weir that the concert, because of a bomb scare and other factors, had lost money; however, because he had committed himself to \$40,000, he promised to perform other gratuitous services for CIS in order to raise the money.

Ellsworth next contacted CIS on August 16, 1978, when he sent a \$5,000 check. [redacted] said that that particular check did not clear the bank; however, immediately thereafter, CIS received another \$5,000 check to cover the check which had bounced. According to [redacted] Ellsworth explained that the first check did not clear because of a cash flow problem which he had experienced.

Between August 16, 1978, and February 16, 1979, CIS had received a total of \$28,000 in contributions from Ellsworth.

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In approximately September, 1978, Ellsworth contacted [] and told him that he had a new project. The project which Ellsworth described was centered around the International Year of the Child theme adopted by the United Nations for 1979. In support of his project, Ellsworth organized the Independent Committee for the International Year of the Child (ICIYC) which later became known as the International Children's Appeal (ICA) in November, 1978. Ellsworth formed his committee because though President Carter had organized a committee spotlighting the Year of the Child, Ellsworth thought the projects envisioned by the Presidential committee did not fully include all the projects considered in the United Nations Children's Year Proclamation. Therefore, Ellsworth organized ICIYC as a private complement to the Presidential committee which then had a name similar to that of his own organization.

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The first project proposed by ICIYC was a \$20 million telethon scheduled for January, 1979. Among the other numerous projects proposed by Ellsworth were a grand prix auto race in Manhattan and an international soccer match.

When Ellsworth told [] of the telethon, he also informed him that UNICEF had already agreed to accept fifty percent of the telethon proceeds, and he offered 25 percent of those proceeds to CIS. In addition to Ellsworth's presumed charitable intent, [] suggested that Ellsworth sought the involvement of CIS, a "White House charity," and any other national charities to increase the chance of success in the telethon.

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[] told Ellsworth that he thought CIS would be delighted to participate in the telethon, and after the telethon was discussed at a CIS official's meeting, Ellsworth was informed that CIS would help him to make the telethon a success.

As [] understood, the format of the telethon involved statements from government leaders, entertainment by diverse singers, and presentations by various charities. In fact, in support of the latter item, [] explained that an Ellsworth camera crew had already filmed CIS activities in Atlanta and New York.

The telethon was not held in January and had to be rescheduled. As [] understood, because two or three other telethons had already been scheduled for that period, the Theatre Authority in New York and Los Angeles would not grant ICA a telethon permit.

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The telethon was rescheduled for June, 1979, and in its place, ICA sponsored a three hour telecast featuring the Year of the Child. The telecast was held on January 13, 1979, and in [] opinion, it was quite good.

Before the telethon, [] worked with Ellsworth on a fairly frequent basis. During that time, [] detected a general slackening of enthusiasm about the telethon in Ellsworth's offices. In addition, he noticed that Ellsworth's programs were afflicted with bad management. [] thought that what he observed might jeopardize the telethon; consequently, he spoke with Ellsworth about them. When [] spoke with Ellsworth, he was left with the impression that his concerns would be resolved.

Though involved in the telethon project, CIS never incurred any expenses beyond those related to the use of its personnel. According to [] "Ellsworth picked up the tabs."

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As June got closer and closer, [] said that the same management problems continued to exist at Ellsworth's office, and eventually the telethon was cancelled until November, 1979. [] had no reason to think that anything was wrong with the second postponement, and he observed that the problems probably related to non-charity types "working charities with their left hands." In any case, he mentioned that Ellsworth always appreciated any help which CIS provided.

In planning for the telethon, Ellsworth told CIS that the monies therefore came from various well-to-do people who were to receive a ten percent return on their investments.

About two months ago, CIS planned to "kick-off" its WDC office. In the past, Rosalynn Carter had always been invited to attend such "kick-offs"; consequently, she was invited to the one here. The initial "kick-off" was scheduled for February, 1979, but had to be cancelled because

of snow. The meeting was rescheduled for April 11, 1979, and in addition to a visit to the CIS offices at Terrell Junior High School, a luncheon to which Mrs. Carter, Mayor Barry, and other dignitaries were invited was also planned.

CIS needed a host for the aforesaid luncheon, and [] approached Ellsworth in that regard. He told Ellsworth that CIS needed \$3,000 to \$4,000 to hold the luncheon, and Ellsworth said that he would provide the money.

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When the luncheon was held, Ellsworth introduced himself as the head of ICA and as the sponsor of the CIS luncheon.

During the week of April 30, 1979, [] telephoned [] and told him that []

Before [] called [] had known [] as a cool, committed guy, who [] In addition, Weir knew that []

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In January, 1979, [] had approached [] to discuss the sloppy management practices at ICA. [] concern then was not that anything illegal was being done but that the sloppy management practices might prove embarrassing. [] never again heard of any difficulties at ICA from [] until the aforesaid telephone call.

[] was in New York City on Wednesday, May 2, 1979, and he encountered [] When they met, [] told [] that he had spoken with [] and requested that they speak outside the building. In the course of their conversation, [] mentioned to [] that he "feared for his life" and that he believed ICA had a Mafia connection. [] told [] that he worked as []

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As [] spoke, [] described him as excited and "bug-eyed." [] even said that he knew of no one whom he could trust including [] and he refused to accompany [] to Atlanta to discuss his allegations with []

[] continued and said that his allegations were "bigger than Watergate" and were already being investigated by a team of five FBI agents. When [] asked [] upon what information he based his allegations, [] mentioned that he had heard it from some confidential sources.

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[] told [] that he had given some documents to unspecified parties to protect himself from everyone, including []

[] asked [] to wait before divulging his information to the press so that [] might first talk to []. Before he and [] parted, [] got [] to agree to []

After leaving [] proceeded to Ellsworth's office where he encountered an [] (LNU). [] recognized [] oftentimes employed by Ellsworth, and he provided the interviewing agent with one of [] cards. The card was from []

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[] telephone []

When [] encountered [] (LNU), the latter was extremely angry at Ellsworth and told Weir that Ellsworth owed him []

[] described [] (LNU) as a bit paranoid. For example, [] (LNU) claimed that [] "knew what was going on;" he even accused [] of being a head of the Black Mafia. [] understood [] (LNU) to imply that Ellsworth had told him of [] purported Black Mafia involvement.

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[] rebutted [] (LNU)'s remarks by asking him why if they were true would he be involved in charitable activities.

Later, [] (LNU) drove [] to the airport. En route, he continued to feel [] out and said nothing more about his previous comments.

[] missed his flight and had [] (LNU) take him to the train station. En route [] (LNU) told [] that he did not fit the Black Mafia picture, and with great

conviction he told [] that Ellsworth was the "biggest drug dealer in the country." [] (LNU) further said that he did not wish to hurt Ellsworth but only wanted his money, and he asked [] if he could help him.

Prior to leaving [] (LNU), [] learned that [] had previously worked for him.

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On May 3, 1979, [] received a telephone call from [] wherein he claimed to have a witness to a [] between Ellsworth and some other unidentified individual. When [] asked [] who the witness was, [] refused to identify him.

On [] met with [] [] and was associated with the [] firm. At the meeting [] discussed [] allegations, and since the FBI was supposedly already looking into them, they decided to go to the FBI as well.

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When [] met with [] [] he did identify an agent who was supposedly looking into the matter, SA (FNU) []

[] told [] that he was going to take his story to the press [] At that comment, both [] suggested that []

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[] finally convinced [] []

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[REDACTED]

After [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] allegations to the
FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To his knowledge, [REDACTED] did not think that [REDACTED] knew of his conversations with [REDACTED] (LNU). Further, [REDACTED] opined that for fear of his life, if approached about their conversation, [REDACTED] (LNU) would refuse to cooperate.

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a frightened man who was so involved with the potential "success" associated with his story that he could not let it go. That is, [REDACTED] considered [REDACTED] allegations as a "big story" with some "big names." In that regard, [REDACTED] mentioned that he had requested [REDACTED] to "keep the big names out" and not to take advantage.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] could be contacted at the [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] was located on the [REDACTED] Prior to [REDACTED] had been located there.

[REDACTED] would not tell [REDACTED] his home address, but [REDACTED] had three telephone numbers for him. [REDACTED] home telephone number was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] In addition, because [REDACTED] feared to go home, he had given [REDACTED] a contact number at which he could be reached. That number was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] believed it to be the telephone number of [REDACTED] girlfriend, [REDACTED] (LNU).

During the interview, [REDACTED] exhibited a photograph of [REDACTED] From the photograph and from [REDACTED] comments, the following descriptive data concerning [REDACTED] were derived:

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Race: [REDACTED]

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Sex: Male
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 195 lbs.
Age: [REDACTED]
Hair: Black
Complexion: Light
Dress: Fashionable
Scars, marks
tatooes: None.

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Towards the end of the interview, [REDACTED] attempted to [REDACTED] If [REDACTED] mentioned that he could probably be contacted at [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as a social services organization established by former professional football player, [REDACTED]

At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED] said that his telephone numbers would soon be changed to [REDACTED] Further, he said he had not discussed [REDACTED] allegations with any FBI Special Agent [REDACTED] but he commented that a [REDACTED] was employed at the [REDACTED] offices.

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Finally, [REDACTED] provided the interviewing agent with the following documents:

1. One (1) pink paper slip listing three telephone numbers for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

2. One (1) pink paper slip listing the address for [redacted]

[redacted] telephones [redacted] and [redacted]

3. One (1) yellow Cities in Schools pamphlet published by the Institutional Development Corporation, 465 Boulevard, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 404-622-1002.

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4. One (1) white Cities in Schools pamphlet published by Cities in Schools, Room 300, 1728 L Street, N.E., Washington D.C., telephone 202-466-5589.

5. One (1) "International Children's Appeal-1979" pamphlet published by the International Children's Appeal, Inc., 16 West 56th Street, New York, New York, telephone 212-489-0086.

6. One (1) yellow note sheet listing the payments received by CIS, Washington, D.C. from Chartmaker Products Limited. [redacted] believed the \$10,000 check dated December 15, 1978, was issued to cover the two \$5,000 checks dated August 16, 1978, and August 28, 1978, respectively, which were returned to Chartmaker Products.)

7. One (1) memo to [redacted] from John Ellsworth, International Children's Appeal, New York, New York, concerning "Subject: Status Report," dated November 20, 1978.

8. One (1) xerox copy of an article entitled "Trade is Topic at Czech Party; First Lady Visits School," appearing in the Washington Star on Sunday, April 15, 1979.

9. One (1) xerox copy of an article entitled "Rosalynn Carter's Favorite Program," appearing in the Washington Post on Sunday, July 10, 1977.

10. One (1) eight by ten inch, black and white photograph depicting Rosalynn Carter, John Ellsworth and [REDACTED]

11. One (1) eight by ten inch, black and white photograph depicting [REDACTED] Jackie Robinson and Rosalynn Carter.

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12. One (1) yellow card from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

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☐ Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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☐ CLEAR

Date 6/19/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (183-486) (RUC) (SQUAD C-3)

JOHN ELLSWORTH, aka
dba The International
Children's Appeal, Inc.
(ICAI), New York, New York;
RICO (B) - NARCOTICS
(OO:NY)

Re WFO airtel to Director, 6/1/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are one (1) copy each of
the FD-302's pertaining to the interviews of [REDACTED]
5/17/79 and 5/18/79.

Enclosed for New York are the original and one (1)
copy of the aforesaid FD-302's and the notes pertaining thereto.

Also enclosed for New York are the following items:

1. One (1) photostatic copy of a five (5) page
ICAICIYC financial statement, dated 12/7/78.
2. One (1) photostatic copy of a two (2) page
letter on American World-Wide Sounds and Music
Inc.. stationery, from JOHN ELLSWORTH, to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Re: Intercities and Other Community
Programs, dated 1/12/78.

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3. One (1) photostatic copy of a one (1) page data sheet concerning ELLSWORTH's Constitution Hall concert prepared by him for [redacted]
4. One (1) xerox copy of an Independent Committee for the International Year of the Child letter to [redacted] Institutional Development Corporation, Room 460, Executive Office Building, Washington, D. C., from JOHN ELLSWORTH, dated 9/13/78.
5. One (1) copy of a Chartmaker Productions Limited letter to [redacted] Room 460, Executive Office Building, Washington, D. C., from JOHN ELLSWORTH - President, dated 3/17/78.

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Inasmuch as no leads for WFO remain outstanding, this case is being placed in a RUC status.

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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed, and he provided the following information:

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The concert which JOHN ELLSWORTH had organized at Constitution Hall in WDC, had been held on March 4, 1979, vice April 4, 1979, as had been previously reported.

To insure adequate public response, ELLSWORTH made no mention of its charitable intent in organizing the concert. He made no such mention because he contended that concerts produced for fund raising purposes were generally not well received by the public. Furthermore, he made little use of CIS personnel, and he merely requested that CIS provide him with some people for local leg work, i.e., distribution of tickets, etc.

ELLSWORTH's thoughts about the concert were summarized in a memo from him to [redacted] dated January 12, 1978, concerning "Intercities and Other Community Programs," which was typed on American World-Wide Sounds and Music, Inc., stationary, a copy of which [redacted] gave the interviewing Agent.

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When ELLSWORTH first approached [redacted] about the concert, he came as a representative of American World-Wide Sound and Music, Inc. (AWSM). [redacted] thought that AWSM was owned by [redacted] and CIS dealt with AWSM until the Constitution Hall concert was held. Subsequent to the concert, CIS dealt with Chartmaker Products, Inc., a company owned by ELLSWORTH. In fact, the night of the concert, CIS received a \$7,500.00 check from Chartmaker's.

Though ELLSWORTH never overtly identified the concert with any charitable organizations, he, nevertheless, sought the support of those organizations to lend credibility to the concert, presumably to induce investors to finance it.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/25/79

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ELLSWORTH guaranteed that all proceeds from the concert would go to CIS, and he estimated that a \$40,000 minimum would be received. ELLSWORTH had guaranteed CIS its \$40,000 minimum whether the concert was held or not. Though other projects were planned to compensate for the deficit incurred by the concert, the concert was the only event proposed by ELLSWORTH which had actually been held.

[] provided the interviewing agent with a data sheet ELLSWORTH had prepared concerning the Constitution Hall concert. The sheet showed two concert times of 7:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., and ELLSWORTH estimated the minimum potential income per show as being \$26,250.00 with an overall profit of \$32,700.

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Concerning ELLSWORTH's proposed telethon, [] reiterated that it had been postponed because the New York and Los Angeles theater authorities had not approved it. Though the theater authorities were independent, because the telethon was proposed for both the East and West Coasts, both authorities had to grant their approval. When the telethon was postponed, CIS was informed of the problem and had no difficulty with it.

ELLSWORTH and CIS had entered into a contract concerning the concert in September 1978. In the contract, concert investors were guaranteed 10 percent of the net profits which were projected as \$20,000,000.00. In negotiating the contract, it was acknowledged that the 10 percent return was a "better than average recovery." The contract prohibited the use of President Carter's name in any promotional efforts, and ELLSWORTH signed his name to it.

Another provision of the contract required that trust accounts in the name of each charity involved be established, and agreements relating thereto were effected. CIS never entered into a trust agreement, and if UNICEF, the other charity involved in the concert, had, its trustee was never identified.

After the telethon was postponed, everything else "fell apart." Because of the problems being encountered, [] asked ELLSWORTH to provide him data on the DC concert and on another money losing event staged by ELLSWORTH at studio 54. [] had received nothing as yet. In addition to the \$28,000 received from ELLSWORTH by the CIS Washington,

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D. C. (WDC) Offices, \$15,000 went to CIS Atlanta between August 1978, and December 1978. The \$15,000 was designed to fulfill the original ELLSWORTH \$40,000 commitment, and the monies came in periodically.

[] started flying to New York City in November 1978, to "keep tabs on the program." During one of his trips, he received a copy of an ICAICIYC financial statement dated December 7, 1978, from ELLSWORTH. When ELLSWORTH proffered the statement, he described it only as preliminary, and he gave it to [] in the presence of his attorney, []

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[] provided a copy of the aforesaid statement to the interviewing agent.

[] described ELLSWORTH and his International Childrens' Appeal (ICA) group as a bunch of rich kids to whom the world was a playground and to whom money was no object. He further said that they all "lived high," e.g., ELLSWORTH road in a chauffeured limousine.

While in New York, [] occasionally met some of the other people involved in ICA. He identified one as []. According to [] had been an [] and had been given an []

ELLSWORTH claimed that his father had been in the Navy and that he had travelled with his father when he was young. He further claimed to have made his money in the music industry by promoting various musical groups such as the Rolling Stones.

ELLSWORTH supposedly had invested \$300,000 in the telethon venture, and he expected to recover approximately \$600,000. Moreover, he claimed that his personal business expenses, e.g., limousine and hotel expenses, were not covered by the charitable receipts received by ICA.

In [] opinion, because the ICA correspondence records showed that ICA intended to perform and because ICA was dealing with reputable people, the telethon venture appeared to be "proceeding on course."

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[] summarized the CIS feeling about the telethon by commenting that the potential gains to be realized and the time already contributed warranted their further involvement, but if nothing came of the telethon, CIS would "end up short."

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During the interview, [] received a telephone call from ELLSWORTH. ELLSWORTH was calling about a matter premised on a New York Attorney General Charitable Frauds Office inquiry into a \$5,000 contribution by ELLSWORTH to a CIS New York subsidiary, Break-Free. The inquiry arose in December 1978, after one of ELLSWORTH's attorneys made mention of the contribution to the New York Attorney General's Office. As [] understood, the check was derived from the proceeds received from an affair held by ELLSWORTH at Xenon, a New York nightclub.

At Break-Free the NYAG inquiry was effected by a Mr. (FNU) []. He was interested in first determining whether Break-Free had actually received the \$5,000 contribution, and, secondly, in determining whether Break-Free was a legitimate charitable organization. As to the first matter, [] was particularly concerned that his office had no record of the New York State form which paralleled the "Federal form 990." The "Federal form 990" listed the charitable contributions received by an organization.

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[] directed Break-Free, but before [] could receive access to the Break-Free files, he had to receive permission from []. Consequently, [] contacted [] and after satisfactorily answering all of [] questions, [] directed [] to grant [] access to the Break-Free files.

After gaining access to the files, the NYAG was satisfied to the charitable nature of Break-Free.

During their investigation, the NYAG also became concerned about two \$5,000 checks purportedly given to Break-Free by ELLSWORTH's organization, International Children's Appeal, and that concern was the subject of ELLSWORTH's instant telephone call. Their inquiry was premised on the fact that though ICA claimed to have given Break-Free one of the checks in September 1978, and the other in December 1978,

the Break-Free records recorded the receipt only of the September check. In their telephone conversation, ELLSWORTH told [] that he had in his possession a certified copy of the check sent to Break-Free in December 1978.

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After speaking with ELLSWORTH, [] said he was disturbed. He was disturbed because ELLSWORTH told him that he had learned of the aforesaid NYAG inquiry from []. He had informed [] about the matter after the latter had telephoned him from New York, and [] had presumed that their conversation had been in confidence.

Considering [] previous allegations against ELLSWORTH, [] considered his conduct involving the check inquiry to be "contradictory." He worried that [] informing ELLSWORTH of the check inquiry was evidence of [] becoming "irrational with his tactics." [] further asserted that [] conduct seemed erratic because previously

Since his last interview, [] had had several contacts with []. In one of those contacts, [] informed [] that he had found an unusual document []

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and that he had turned it over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Furthermore, [] told [] that he had a recorded statement from a (FNU) []

Finally, [] described ICA as an independant group of investors putting money into charitable investments. Presently, the foremost question on [] mind was where did the investors receive their monies.

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At the conclusion of the interivew, [] provided the following documents:

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1. (1) xerox copy of an Independent Committee for the International Year of the Child letter to [redacted] Institutional Development Corporation, room 460, Executive Office Building, Washington, D. C., from JOHN ELLSWORTH, dated September 13, 1978.
2. (1) copy of a Chartmaker Productions Limited letter to [redacted] room 460, Executive Office Building, Washington, D. C., from JOHN ELLSWORTH-President, dated March 17, 1978.

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[redacted]
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[redacted] was interviewed and he provided the following information:

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The \$5,000 check contributed by International Children's Appeal (ICA), JOHN ELLSWORTH's organization, to Break Free in December, 1978, had been discovered. The check had mistakenly not been posted in their books by Break Free, but [redacted] of Break Free, on reviewing Break Free bank statements from Chemical Bank, 130 William Street, New York, New York, learned that the disputed check had been deposited there.

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by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 5/29/79

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
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6/21/79

Date

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (183-486) (RUC) (Squad C-3)

JOHN ELLSWORTH, aka,
 dba The International
 Childrens Appeal, Inc.
 (ICIA), New York,
 New York;
 RICO (B) - Narcotics;
 (OO:NY)

Re WFO teletype to Director dated 5/7/79; WFO airtel to Director dated 6/1/79; and WFO airtel to Director dated 6/19/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the FD-302 pertaining to the interview of [redacted] 6/15/79.

Enclosed for New York is the original and one copy of the aforesaid FD-302 and the notes pertaining thereto.

Captioned matter had previously been RUC'd by WFO airtel dated 6/19/79. The instant contact with [redacted] was initiated after the RUC determination had been made. The aforesaid contact generated no leads for WFO; consequently, the case is being returned to an RUC status.

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Date of transcription 6/20/79

[redacted]
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[redacted] telephonically contacted the
interviewing Agent and he provided the following information:

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[redacted] telephoned to inquire about what the Federal
Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had uncovered concerning JOHN
ELLSWORTH and the International Childrens Appeal (ICA).

When the interviewing Agent informed [redacted] that he
knew of nothing, [redacted] volunteered that he had not spoken with
[redacted] for two (2) weeks. That day, however, [redacted]
had called and left a message informing him [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Though unable to contact [redacted] had been in
daily telephone contact with JOHN ELLSWORTH. [redacted] primary
motive in contacting ELLSWORTH was to [redacted]

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[redacted] In one of their
conversations, however, ELLSWORTH told [redacted] that he had
[redacted] without specifying why. Later
[redacted] determined that [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Apparently, ELLSWORTH's employees had
informed him of [redacted] approaches, and ELLSWORTH obtained
affidavits from them.

ELLSWORTH was also aware that [redacted] had applied for
[redacted]

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In another telephone conversation, ELLSWORTH told
[redacted] that he was broke because of the many rumors spread by
[redacted] In fact, though ELLSWORTH still retained his "800"
numbers, he told [redacted] that his office phone had been
disconnected.

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by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 6/19/79

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[redacted] said that he had spoken with Special Agent (SA) [redacted] FBI, telephone number [redacted]. According to [redacted] [redacted] told him that [redacted] was fine. [redacted] also said that [redacted] had informed him that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] had been contacted by [redacted] one of [redacted] telephone number [redacted]. The day before contacting [redacted] had spoken with ELLSWORTH in trying to locate [redacted]

[redacted] understood that [redacted] had sponsored [redacted]

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate☐ Priority☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET☐ SECRET☐ CONFIDENTIAL☐ UNCLAS E F T O☐ UNCLAS

Date 7/2/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (183-486) (RUC) (Squad C-3)

JOHN ELLSWORTH, aka
dba The International
Children's Appeal, Inc.
(ICIA), New York, New York;
RICO (B) - Narcotics;
(OO:NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the FD-302
pertaining to the interview of [redacted] 6/28/79.

Enclosed for New York is the original and one copy
of the aforesaid FD-302 and the notes pertaining thereto.

Instant interview was premised on a telephonic
contact by [redacted] with WFO.

Inasmuch as no leads for WFO remain outstanding,
this case is being placed in an RUC status.

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[redacted] telephone numbers [redacted]
(business) and [redacted] (home), telephonically contacted
the Washington Field Office, and he provided the following
information:

On [redacted], telephone number
[redacted] contacted him to inquire whether he would be
available for interview by the "20/20" television show
concerning his relationship with JOHN ELLSWORTH. Though
[redacted] refused an interview, [redacted] said that he and a camera
crew would be in WDC the following day to interview him.

[redacted] told [redacted] that not only had ELLSWORTH spent
over one million dollars in unrecorded monies, but that he had
also bounced checks and perpetrated bank frauds. In addition,
[redacted] said that ELLSWORTH's office was located in the heart
of an international drug dealing community and that ELLSWORTH
had an arrest record a mile long.

Like [redacted] described the ELLSWORTH
story as bigger than Watergate and he refused to reveal the
sources of any of his facts.

[redacted] told [redacted] that he had discussed ELLSWORTH
with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U. S.
Secret Service (USSS), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the
Department of Justice (USDJ), and another unidentified Federal
agency. [redacted] gathered that [redacted] in his contacts was
attempting to prompt the aforesaid agencies to look at
ELLSWORTH.

ELLSWORTH has [redacted]
and their last contact was on [redacted]
impression was that ELLSWORTH wanted [redacted] "to know his side
of the story" and to apologize for causing [redacted] and the First
Family so much difficulty.

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by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 6/28/79

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In their last conversation, ELLSWORTH implied that



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[redacted] last contact with [redacted] was on
[redacted]. At that time [redacted] informed [redacted] that ELLSWORTH



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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

ATTN: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] ROOM 3058.

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JOHN C. ELLSWORTH AKA ET AL; DBA INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS APPEAL, INC. (ICAI), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RICO.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED ON MAY 8, 1979, AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] ICAI IS A PRIVATELY FUNDED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WHICH SUPPOSEDLY RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITIES RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. ICAI HAS RAISED SOME MONEY FOR THE INTERSTATE DEVELOPMENT CORP., WHICH DEVELOPS ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL DROPOUTS AND HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY ROSLYN CARTER. IN ADDITION, ELLSWORTH HAS ARRANGED A CONCERT AT THE WHITEHOUSE AS A CHILDRENS BENEFIT.

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TO PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

[REDACTED] ALLEGES THAT ICAI WAS ORGANIZED IN LATE 1978, BY JOHN C. ELLSWORTH AND OTHERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD BY ACTING AS A CHARITABLE FUND RAISING ORGANIZATION [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ICAI IS INCORPORATED IN CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK AND IS REQUIRED TO KEEP MONEY RAISED IN A ESCROW ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, IT IS SIMPLY

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE PRINCIPALS OF THE ICAI ARE ELLSWORTH,

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED TO THE NYO A COPY OF A LIST WHICH HE
SAID WAS FOUND IN A [REDACTED] THE LIST
IS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS VERY INFLUENTIAL WITH
[REDACTED] AND USES THIS INFLUENCE IN THE FURTHERANCE
OF FRAUDS PERPETRATED BY ICAI.

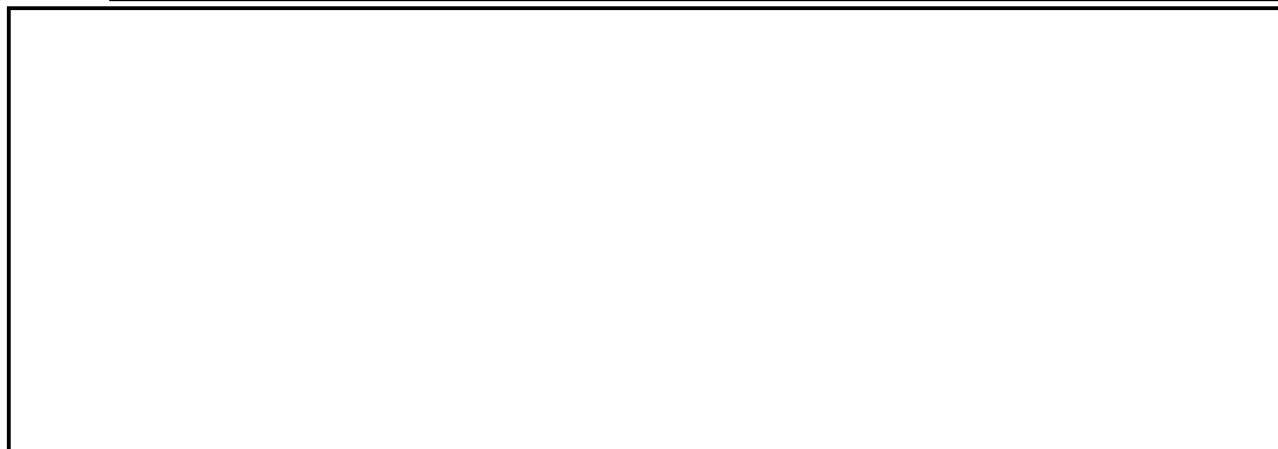
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ON [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU ELLSWORTH IS [REDACTED]

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ON MAY 19, 1979, [REDACTED] NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OFFICE ADVISED THE NYO THAT THE ICAI IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTI-
GATION BY HIS OFFICE FOR VIOLATION OF NEW YORK STATE LAWS FOR
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

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SOURCES OF THE NYO HAVE ADVISED THAT THE ICAI IS A FRONT FOR VARIOUS BUSINESS FRAUDS. FURTHERMORE JOHN ELLSWORTH IS INVOLVED IN SKIMMING FUNDS RAISED BY ICAI AND IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TIES TO SEVERAL ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILIES AND VARIOUS GROUPS OF WHITE COLLAR CRIMINALS. SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT ELLSWORTH IS INVOLVED IN A LARGE SCALE N RCOTICS SMUGGLING OPERATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 6/29/79

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN ELLSWORTH, aka
 dba The International
 Children's Appeal, Inc.
 (ICAI), New York, New York;
 RICO (B) - NARCOTICS
 OO: NEW YORK

On 6/29/79, an inquiry was received from Associate Deputy Attorney General Charles Ruff as to whether or not there is an ongoing investigation concerning captioned subject. Mr. Ruff also inquired as to whether captioned subject had a criminal record. Mr. Ruff was advised that the New York Office, Brooklyn-Queens MRA, did, in fact, have an ongoing investigation regarding Ellsworth's activities and that the New York Office had received allegations of narcotics trafficking and possible arms smuggling on Ellsworth's part. Mr. Ruff was advised that Ellsworth did have a criminal record and these violations dealt primarily with arrests for bank fraud and bad check matters.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Mullen
 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE
NARCOTICS INVOLVEMENT OF SUBJECT ELLSWORTH AND OTHERS IN DRUG
TRAFFICKING RECEIVED DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEWS WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED TO
THE NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
THROUGH NEW YORK LIAISON CHANNELS.

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INVOLVEMENT OF SUBJECT ELLSWORTH IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN GIVEN TO NEW YORK OFFICE OF UNITED STATES
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datephoned by [REDACTED]
to customs office 7/20/79.
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AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE THE POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT COLLECTION OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS BY ELLSWORTH, ET AL, IS ALREADY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF STATE LAW.

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SPECIAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] STRIKE FORCE, EDNY, WHO IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ELLSWORTH, HAS BEEN APPRAISED OF THE FACTS IN THIS MATTER AND AGREED THAT DISSEMINATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS PROPER.

BUREAU NOTE THAT NEW YORK DAILY NEWS OF JULY 19, 1979, CARRIES AN ABC NEWS ADVERTISEMENT INDICATING 20/20 WILL AIR AN ALLEGED EXPOSE ON HOW ELLSWORTH FOOLED THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS INCLUDING THE CARTERS AND TED KENNEDY IN THE NAME OF CHARITY. A PICTURE SHOWS ELLSWORTH STANDING BEHIND MRS. CARTER.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[REDACTED], DURING THE COURSE OF AN INTERVIEW BY AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IN NEW YORK FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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THE ABOVE REPRESENTS THE EXTENT OF THE INCIDENT AS RECALLED
BY AND NEW YORK HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS ON THE ABOVE
INCIDENT.

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE TO U.S. CUSTOMS
INTELLIGENCE, WASHINGTON, DC.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

7/20/79

Information regarding alleged narcotics trafficking and weapons sales on the part of John Ellsworth has been disseminated by the New York Office to the Drug Enforcement Administration and the ATF. Information regarding the possibility of smuggling activities on the part of Ellsworth and his associates has been disseminated to SA

[redacted] of the Office of Enforcement of the U.S. Customs Service. Contact was established with SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Chief of the Strike Force, EDNY, and he was apprised of the facts in this matter and agreed that dissemination of the results of the New York investigation was the proper course of action. Ellsworth's involvement in a possible fraudulent collection scheme is presently under investigation by the New York State Attorney General's Office. In view of the above facts, the New York Office has completed its investigation regarding this matter. It is also noted that the television show "20/20" aired an investigative report regarding Ellsworth's activities on 7/19/79.

1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Mullen

1 - Mr. McWeeney
1 - Mr. [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : [REDACTED] ADIC, NEW YORK (183-1628) (#14)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] JOHN C. ELLSWORTH, aka;
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RICO-NARCOTICS
(OO: NY)

DATE: AUG 27 1979

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For completion of the Bureau files, the following information is being set forth.

On 7/20/79, all facts in this matter were presented to AUSA [REDACTED] Chief of the Criminal Division, SDNY, who rendered no prosecutive opinion, but did indicate he wished to discuss the matter with [REDACTED] Chief of the Strike Force, EDNY.

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On 7/24/79, AUSA [REDACTED] recontacted the NYO and indicated that he wished this matter to be presented to Special Attorney [REDACTED] who indicated an interest in the matter.

On 7/25/79, the facts in this matter were discussed with Special Attorney [REDACTED] Strike Force, EDNY, who indicated that his office was conducting an investigation of ELLSWORTH. Special Attorney [REDACTED] was advised of dissemination of information to interested federal agencies regarding ELLSWORTH's activities and the facts alleging that ELLSWORTH and others were soliciting contributions to charitable organizations and utilizing the funds for their own purposes.

It was agreed that a concurrent investigation by the NYO of these allegations would be held in abeyance and that no investigation would be conducted unless there was a specific request from the Special Attorney.

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